



From the Desk of Ron Dahlin, CGCS

Michigan Statewide Superintendents Association 5 October 2006 meeting minutes

The meeting was called to order at 12:35pm on 5 October 2006 by President Jon Maddern.

Those in attendance were: President Jon Maddern, Vice President Tom Mason, Dan Bissonette, Doug Boyle, Kirk Carls, Ron Dahlin, Tim Dorner, John Fulling, Rick Hakken, Michael Morris, Mike Mulkey, Greg Pattison, David Pawluk, Scott Pulaski and Brian Durant.

- The president asked if any representatives had taken the suggested names of the organization back to their respective local organizations. All replies were no. President Maddern asked each chapter to bring the proposed names to their respective annual meetings for feedback. Those name choices are:
 1. Michigan Golf Course Superintendent's Association
 2. Golf Superintendents of Michigan
 3. Great Lakes Superintendents Association
 4. Other options
- The agenda for the day was reviewed by the president.
 - A. Refresh ourselves on where we left off
 - B. Decide on next area(s) to cover and start
 - C. Discuss the upcoming Chapter Delegates Meeting agenda
 1. Topics
 - a. dues proposal
 - b. board oversight committee report
(will have guest past-president Jerry Faubel)
 - D. Decide on next meeting date.
- A brief discussion was initiated (by VP Mason) and ensued on developing a liaison and a "Michigan Position" for the delegates to take to the GCSAA Delegates meeting to take place on the 13th-15th of October in Kansas City. Because 3 of the 4 delegates from Michigan were present in the room the idea of a liaison was abandoned.
- It was announced by President Maddern that John Fulling was resigning from the board to serve as Treasurer of the MTF. Ron Dahlin offered to take over duties of the recording secretary. President Maddern made a motion to accept Ron as the recording secretary and a second was accepted from Vice President Mason.
- Vice President Tom Mason initiated a discussion on his ability to carry out the march thru the chairs of this organization. Tom said "I have seen what happens when the logical procession is interrupted and I see myself not being able to carry this to its logical end. I still want to contribute to this important process so please don't kick me out just yet." It was decided that nominations would be accepted at the next meeting to find a person to step into the VP role. A discussion

ensued as to how to develop future leaders and it was decided that this organization needs to put a major effort in development of future leaders. Geographic location should not be the significant contributing factor in deciding future leaders but rather the strength of leadership should be the major factor.

- It was noted that Steven Randall has accepted a position with GCSAA as the Chapter liaison to work with Pennsylvania and Michigan to help develop strong statewide associations. Mr. Randall's past experience included a term as the Executive Director of the Golf Association of New Mexico. President Maddern suggested that after our next meeting date is set, we invite Steven to join us. President Maddern agreed to call GCSAA with the invitation after the next meeting date is set.
- Communication & Membership were discussed last meeting. And the remaining items for discussion were reviewed and it was decided that Association Management & GCSAA Affiliation would be discussed as the GCSAA representative will be present.
- A discussion ensued on how the local chapters would need to be modified to fit into the framework of a statewide organization. It was recognized that this would be a challenge if we do not do a good job of organization now and in the future. It was agreed that a statewide organization would be the most effective way to manage and the most economic way to manage. This would also lead to a better organization for education, leadership development, and overall ways to enhance the superintendents in Michigan. It was felt that the local organizations could be modified to fill a more social role. We will get all 4 local board of directors in one room to help educate about the process and also pursue the possibility of having a 'Town Hall' meeting at GLTE in January in Grand Rapids to inform the members.
- Jerry Faubel was invited to discuss his thoughts on what should be discussed by the Michigan Delegates at the upcoming GCSAA Delegates meeting. His thoughts and concerns were taken into consideration by Ron, Rick and Brian

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30.

Respectfully submitted by Ron Dahlin, CGCS